

Personal Learning Reflection

What are some things that you have learned about effective teaching strategies when integrating technology?

I have learned that when using technology to teach, I need to make sure that it is a tool for the teacher and/or for the students. I will ensure that I am not using technology for the sake of using technology. The students learn more when it is seamlessly incorporated as a means for instruction or student work.

How did integrating the Internet help you think about and evaluate uses of technology?

I had a few problems with my Internet lesson. Though it was annoying at the time, I am really glad that it happened because I learned a lot from the experience. I will make sure to check the lesson I have prepared on the computers in the computer lab and my classroom before students are expected to do the work because there can be unexpected glitches that will take up valuable teaching time. I knew this before, but I don't think I took it as seriously. Even though I had problems, it makes me more eager to try again with my classroom. I will set my students and myself up for success!

Which of the educational application assignments that you turned in do you feel really exemplifies good teaching with technology and why?

Though none of my Microsoft projects are to be used with students directly, I believe that they all exemplify good teaching with technology. My Word (digital newsletter) and PowerPoint (Open House presentation) projects were created to be used for parent/teacher communication. Since they are both encourage parent and student interaction, I am excited to use them this year! My Excel project (EDM Assessment Record) is already being used in my district. My principal asked for me to update it for grades 1-5 for teachers to use this fall. It exemplifies good teaching because it offers a place for teachers to input grades, make sense of them with the graphs, and encourages mastery teaching.

How have you met your goals established in your personal goal statement?

When I started this class, I was hoping to learn about new technologies, use technology to make a difference with my colleagues, and to collaborate with other educators who have the same goals as I do. I feel that I have absolutely met those goals and exceeded them. I can't wait to add all the valuable resources that are listed in the Tips and Tricks!

Do you have any new goals? What are your plans for reaching your new goals and your long-term goals after this course is over?

I definitely want to get my Masters in Educational Technology. I was pretty sure before, but these classes have solidified that for me! Since I am taking LIFT training this year and I have 2 small children, I think I will wait until next summer to take more classes. In addition to that goal, my other new goal is to help the technology department

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introduce our new Virtual Field Trip equipment and model its use throughout my school. I have a field trip scheduled for September 15th, so I am excited to do that!

How would you assess your own contributions to this class?

I feel that I have been very active in this class. Whenever I have a chance, I log in to Angel and check to see what is happening in the Communication, Portfolio, and Sessions tabs. I was an active participant in my group, attended all online chats, and contributed and responded to all the discussion posts. I'm glad I did too because I learned a lot!

Thank you Sue! You have been great, and the class was very interesting!!!